



Councilmember Chu and wife Daisy attend the 17th Annual Moon Festival at Overfelt Gardens.



Councilmember Chu and Councilmember Kalra at the Vietnamese Moon Festival.



Sharkie from the San José Sharks celebrates Brocade Communication's new facility in North San José.

## Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu  
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

My staff and I are making our way around District 4 to see how your neighborhood is doing. It has been a great pleasure meeting many of you in your neighborhood and listening to your feedback and concerns. As your Councilmember, it is important for me to know what is happening in our community and to find the best way to keep in contact with you.

Every week, I send out an email digest called e-Notice about upcoming events and news concerning our community. If you are not already receiving emails from my office, I encourage you to contact my office so that I can keep you informed about what is going on in your neighborhood.

For the past 3 years, I have committed over 100 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents, totaling more than 150 cases. I encourage you to take advantage of my community office hours so that I can be of assistance to you all. Please call my office for the most recent information on dates, times, and locations and to schedule an appointment during my Community Office Hours.

My office is always available to answer questions, receive ideas and suggestions, and solve problems and issues. If you have something that you would like brought to my attention, or something that you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to call my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,



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District 4 Website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>

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## COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Berryessa Branch Library  
3355 Noble Avenue**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

**6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Alviso Branch Library  
5050 North First Street**

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 100 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents with over 150 cases. Over the past three years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

*Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.*



SJ Councilmembers at the Rainbow Flag Raising Event



City Council Proclamation for Philippines Independence Day

## FIRESTATION 19 GRAND OPENING NOVEMBER 20 SIERRA ROAD AND PIEDMONT ROAD

I am pleased to announce that construction of Fire Station #19 has been completed. Please join me, along with Mayor Reed and the San José Fire Department, on **Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 10:00AM-11:30AM** for the grand opening of our newest fire station. Fire Station 19 is a two-story, 6,049 square feet, single company fire station with two apparatus bays. Construction started in September 2008 and was completed over the summer.

Fire Station 19 has relocated from their existing address at the corner of Piedmont Road and Penitencia Creek Road to the southwest corner of Piedmont Road and Sierra Road. In March 2002, the City of San José voters passed the Neighborhood Security Bond Act that approved the issuance of the \$159M in General Obligation bonds to fund the construction of public safety facilities. Fire Station 19 is one of the stations being relocated as part of the public safety bond program to improve service delivery.

Families and community members are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of our newest public safety facility in our community. There will be guest speakers, children activities, and refreshments. I hope to see many of you there!







## Neighborhood Groups

**Alviso Neighborhood Group**  
Meets every 1st Thursday at  
6PM at Alviso Library  
Contact: Betty Brown  
betty@maileater.net

**Alviso Water Taskforce**  
Meets every 2nd Tuesday  
at 6PM at the  
Alviso Library  
www.alvisowater.org  
Contact: alvisowa-  
ter@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens  
Advisory Council**  
Meets every 2nd Monday  
at 7PM at the  
Berryessa Community Ctr  
Contact: Marc Liebman  
marc.liebman@busd.net

**North Valley  
Community Association**  
Meets every 3rd Monday at  
7PM at the Berryessa Li-  
brary  
Contact: Chris Zhou  
czhou911@yahoo.com

**River Oaks  
Neighborhood Association**  
Meets every odd month  
Location TBA  
Contact: Jean Marlowe  
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park  
Neighborhood Association**  
Meets twice yearly  
Location TBA  
Contact: Lori Wallace  
lori\_wp@yahoo.com

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



The 2010-2011 Budget that the City Council adopted in June included many difficult decisions in order to address a \$116.2 million deficit. The City Council was forced to make significant reductions in the services we provide. The decisions my colleagues and I faced in June required a balancing act between significantly reducing costs while sustaining the best mix of critical City services, such as police, fire, street maintenance, parks, and library services.

Unfortunately, every department needed to come up with significant cost reductions, which will impact city programs and services across the board, including the Citywide Traffic Calming Program.

I wanted to take this opportunity to keep you updated about the service impacts to the traffic calming program. I know that traffic calming is a big priority in District 4 and wanted to assure you that the Department of Transportation will continue to maintain the most critical services that ultimately will have the highest impact on safety, while ensuring the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Team was previously comprised of 20 full time positions and one part-time permanent position and typically responded to approximately 1,500 traffic and pedestrian concerns and service requests a year. In addition, the team is responsible to perform State mandated speed surveys to enable enforcement of speed limits, and other safety related tasks, such as collision review and the resulting actions to reduce their incidence in the future. Through the City's coordinated engineering, education, and enforcement efforts, injury related crashes have declined for two decades in San Jose, resulting in one of the best traffic safety records in the nation. Staff is working diligently to maintain that record.

Based on the budget the City Council adopted in June, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Team has been reduced to 11.5 authorized positions, a reduction of nine positions for this fiscal year. With the reduced staffing level, the Team is focusing on core safety services, mandated speed surveys for speed limit enforcement and reviews of private development proposals to mitigate future traffic impacts.

Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/2cempv7> for more information about the specific priority services that the Department of Transportation will continue to provide to the community. If there is a specific issue or concern that you have, do not hesitate to contact my office so that we can help determine what the best way to address your concern.





## A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH COMMISSIONER

Our district's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is looking for some new additions to their group. A YAC is an active group of youth from ages 14-20 who dedicate their time, talent and ideas to promote positive change in their community. YAC members identify and tackle youth issues, host special events, participate in volunteer activities and address the needs of their district's residents.

District 4's YAC focuses on peer empowerment through voicing diverse opinions. This coming school year, we plan on participating in more events as volunteers. We also plan on hosting a few of our own events, such as a Peer-to-Peer luncheon focused on transition middle school students to high school smoothly.



District 4's Youth Commissioner Kasey Ong with her family during her swearing-in ceremony at a City Council meeting in August 2009.

We are looking for youth who can show commitment, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and inclusion. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at the Berryessa Community Center from 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Our first meeting of the year will be on August 24th (the fourth Tuesday). I hope to see some new and excited faces!

As your District 4 Youth Commissioner, I am honored to serve and represent the youth and young adults. I hope to continue to represent students in this district and if there are any activities or ideas that you would like to introduce, I would enjoy hearing from you! Please email me at [d4youthcommission@gmail.com](mailto:d4youthcommission@gmail.com).

- Kasey Ong, District 4 Youth Commissioner



Last Year's District 4 Youth Advisory Council with District 4 staff at the 2009 Family Resource Fair



Kasey Ong serves as 2nd Vice Chair on San José's Youth Commission.

**DO YOU RECEIVE  
WEEKLY EMAILS FROM  
COUNCILMEMBER CHU?**

Sign-up at  
[www.sanjoseca.gov/district4](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4)



Commissioner Ong's Swearing-In Ceremony during last year's City Council Meeting





## DISTRICT 4 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD HONOREES

We are truly fortunate to have so many outstanding individuals in our community who dedicate their time to make District 4 a better place to live. I know there are so many remarkable volunteers who have positively contributed to the success of our community and want to make sure they are recognized for all their hard work and dedication. I made a call for nominations for your help in nominating an outstanding individual, group of individuals, company, or organization that live, work, or volunteer in our community. Nominations were closed on September 30, 2010, and I received an overwhelming response. I wish to congratulate the following for their efforts to make our District 4 a true community. Please keep an eye out for my announcement on the recognition event to honor the recipients.



**CHUCK BUCHANAN-** “Chuck started donating time at the Berryessa Community Center more than a year ago by sorting bakery goods and other goods that are donated from various stores for distribution. He now picks up bakery goods early mornings 2-3 times a week on his own. Last year he began volunteering to teach an ESL class at the center. This year he continues to teach the ESL class in addition to a new beginning class as a result of the popularity of the first class. He is outstanding in his never ending support to the community.”

**BRENDA ENEVOLDSEN-** “Brenda Enevoldsen is an active animal advocate for the neighborhood and has been for many years. She reduces the feral cat population in the most humane way by taking advantage of the TNR (trap, neuter, and return) and other agency programs. Her dedication to the animals goes beyond what the programs provide. She also trains, socializes and when necessary pays for spay/neutering and vaccinations herself for feral kittens. The end result is a healthier more compassionate world for all of us. Brenda serves as a role model for a more involved and caring community.”

**KIM GOMEZ-** “Kim Gomez has been an active volunteer at Northwood Elementary School, in the North Valley Homeowners Association and in the local and district levels of the PTA. She also organizes and participates in a monthly school and park clean up effort and volunteers by organizing the “Christmas in Berryessa” event. Kim is an outstanding role model for children and for her peers. She has served and worked in leadership positions and “worker bee” positions too. Kim’s energy and spirit seem limitless and her positive attitude endears her to many.”

**LISA KOBAYASHI-** “Lisa has set up National Night Out functions in the neighborhood for the last three years. Lisa made up a flyer each year and went to each of the 75 homes to invite people to attend. She made up information for every house and posted it at the function. She tracked who came and identified new people in the neighborhood. She set up games which got the people attending talking to each other and helped them to get to know each other. She set up a Yahoo Group and maintains it. She forwards information that is of interest to the neighborhood and tracks concerns. She is also involved with her children's school and is helping a person to run for the School Board. All in all a she is a great asset to the neighborhood and District 4.”

**DEAN MCCULLY-** “Dean works tirelessly both as an engineer for Cisco and as a community supporter. Dean works to support many non-profit groups in our community, helping them get grants from Cisco Employee Foundation and Community Grants programs. He also volunteers his time to help support many different organizations. Most recently, Dean has spent hundreds of hours creating a great community festival called Take Flight for Kids was held on Sept 25 at Reid Hillview Airport. The goal of the festival is to show the children in the community that the sky is the limit for what they can achieve if they work hard. Dean has found so many community resources, non-profit and for-profit organizations, to come out and share with the community. He believe that together we can make a pot of soup that will feed us all, even with the current scarcity of assets and the Take Flight Festival proves that.”



## City & Community Contacts

### City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

### Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

### Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

### Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

### Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

### Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

### Berryessa Community &

#### Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

### Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

### Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

### Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

### Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

### Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

### Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

### Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

### Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

### Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

# Meet Your District 4 Team

## Stephanie Fong, District Director

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### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget, Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services & Education; Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support.



## Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

[margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov)

### FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

## Kathy Duong, Policy Analyst

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### FOCUS AREAS

North Valley Neighborhood, North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environment, Economic Development, Web Content, Media Relations and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

Transportation & Environment



## Rosa Santiago, Council Assistant

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### FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, and Event Planning

### COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services and Education; Public Safety, Finance and strategic Support



## Anh Tran

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### FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, and Constituent Services.

### COMMITTEES

VTa Policy Advisory Committee, Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Recycled Water Commission



## DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit  
[sanjoseca.gov/district4](http://sanjoseca.gov/district4) and email  
[district4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district4@sanjoseca.gov) to receive e-Notices.

### OCTOBER

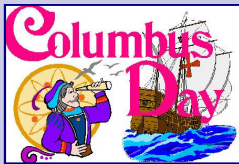
**2 ST. VICTOR'S CHURCH  
FALL FESTIVAL**  
7:00PM  
St. Victor's Church  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
*Continues on Sunday, October 3rd*

**7 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD  
GROUP MEETING**  
Police Recruitment  
Outreach Meeting  
6:00PM-7:30PM  
Alviso Youth Center  
5040 North First Street

**2 ALVISO COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**  
Open to Residents of Alviso  
8:00AM-3:00PM  
Zanker Materials Processing Facility  
675 Los Esteros Road

**10 TARGET GRAND OPENING**  
North San José  
Target NSJ Store  
North First St and Holger Way

**11 COLUMBUS DAY**  
City Hall Closed



**16 DAY ON THE BAY**  
A Family Fun Event!  
10:00AM-4:00PM  
Alviso Marina  
Mills Street, Alviso

**20 COMMUNITY OFFICE HRS**  
Berryessa Library  
6:00PM-8:00PM  
3355 Noble Avenue  
*Please call (408) 535-4904 to  
schedule a 15 minute appointment*

**27 BART MEETING**  
BART to San José  
Project Update  
6:00PM  
Berryessa Branch Library  
3355 Noble Avenue

**4 INDEPENDENT  
POLICE AUDITOR**  
Community Dialogue Mtg  
6:00PM-8:00PM  
Alviso Branch Library  
5050 North First Street

**9 ALVISO WATER  
TASKFORCE MEETING**  
Monthly Community Meeting  
6:00PM-8:00PM  
Alviso Branch Library  
5050 North First Street

### NOVEMBER

**11 VETERANS DAY**  
City Hall Closed



**20 FIRESTATION 19  
GRAND OPENING**  
10:00AM-11:30AM  
Firestation 19  
Corner of Sierra Road and  
Piedmont Road

**25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
City Hall Closed on  
November 25 and  
November 26



Councilmember Chu and Councilmember Campos with  
Maria Elena Montellano's family as  
City Council adjourns in Maria Elena's Honor.



Councilmember Chu presents a  
commendation to Achieve Kids  
during City Council.



Community member Mary Cheung learns  
about Park Rangers at this year's Overfelt  
Gardens Moon Festival

**Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.**



# VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



## Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

**(408) 929-9453 • [www.wcsv.org](http://www.wcsv.org)**

## Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



**(408) 793-4190 • [www.sjadoptapark.org](http://www.sjadoptapark.org)**

**Celebrating 25 Years**

## Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

**[rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us](mailto:rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us) • [www.alvisosanta.com](http://www.alvisosanta.com)**



## Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

**Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626**

**Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181**



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